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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

MEYER ET AL.

Serial No. 10/660,948

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For: IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF STABILIZED  
POLYALKYENYL SULFONIC ACIDS

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Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: JAMES GOLOBOY

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
2<sup>nd</sup> RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment which was mailed on July 20, 2009 and which indicated that Claims 1, 5, 26 and 27 had incorrect status identifiers.

Applicants are unclear as to what identifiers with Claims 1, 26 and 27. Applicants indicated that these claims had been "previously amended". However, Applicants have now amended Claims 1, 26 and 27 to indicate that they had been "previously presented". The status identifier in Claim 5 has been amended to indicate that the claim is "currently amended."

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Accordingly, the status identifiers have been amended. Claims 1, 5, 26 and 27 were previously amended in a Response to Non-Final Rejected which was submitted October 17, 2006.

Applicants also submit a request for continued examination which is submitted along with a Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 2, 2007, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant failed to respond within the maximum statutory period and the application was abandoned. Accordingly, Applicant submits a request for continued examination and response; and a Renewed Petition to Revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), along with the appropriate fees.

Introductory Comments

Applicants have amended the Claims as follows. Also, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection and submit the following arguments.